

Snohomish River Estuary

Situated in the heart of Snohomish county, and adjacent to its largest city, Everett, lies the Snohomish River Estuary. This unique place is where the nutrient rich waters of Snohomish River come in contact with the saltwater of Possession Sound.



The overlapping of fresh and salt waters creates a productive ecosystem and is home to an abundance of wildlife. At least 350 different kinds of birds and countless varieties of mammals and plants call this special place home, including blue heron, eagles, osprey, seals and otter.



The Estuary is not only important for wildlife, it also benefits people by acting as a natural filter that cleans water before it passes to Possession Sound and even slows floodwaters.

Other natural conditions, like the calm water of its sloughs and scenic views of the Cascade Mountains, create a most enjoyable environment for pursuing outdoor recreation activities in Snohomish County. Visitors have the opportunity to fish, hike, bike and kayak all within an area that is no more than 19.5 square miles.



Cattails in the fog of the Snohomish River Estuary



A heron perched on a nesting box



An old barn on the Snohomish River Estuary



Looking into the Estuary on a misty day



Reeds in the water of the
Snohomish River Estuary



A kayaker on the Snohomish River
Estuary Watertrail

Estuary Boat Launch Sites

Everett Waterfront

The waterfront extends along the shores of Possession Sound to the mouth of the Snohomish River. It's home to various restaurants, shops and hotels.

Launch boats, fly kites, or during the summer, take a passenger ferry to Jetty Island at Marine Park, at the end of 10th Street on the north end of the waterfront.

Langus Riverfront Park

This 96-acre park, located at the northern edge of Everett on Smith Island, is an ideal site for launching boats and starting your excursion into the Estuary. A 2.8 mile paved, river-front trail begins at the park's boat launch and follows the Snohomish River, ending north of the entrance to Spencer Island Park.

Lowell Riverfront and Rotary Park

On the west side of the Snohomish River is Lowell Riverfront Park. The park is connected to Rotary Park by a paved trail that is perfect for getting some exercise and enjoying the extraordinary view of the river and the Snohomish River Valley. Rotary Park includes a boat launch site.

Cady Park

This small park is located at the south end of the Estuary, next to the city of Snohomish. It provides a trail along the river and a launch site for boating excursions down the Snohomish river.